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City Council Meeting

January 07, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, January 07, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

Members Present: Stafford, Sconyers, Parker, Collins, Bragg, & Faulkner

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Jonathon Hampton

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

Mayor Schwabe asked council to elect a Mayor Pro-Tem. As in the tradition of council to rotate the position, Councilperson Stafford asked his name be skipped this time due to health reasons. Motion was then made to Elect Julian Sconyers Mayor Pro-Tem. Nomination was closed.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker 6-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Council considered the contract with the county for the 2019 election services. Council asked why the fees had increased and Adm Lawson stated that the county would be handling all of the expenses in this contract. In previous years the city had paid a lot of the cost directly. Council asked if this amount was more than the city was spending. Adm. Lawson stated this was an increase. Council then asked for a detailed expense request and asked to contact County Administrator Guy Singletary to come to a meeting to explain the cost.

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the second reading of the Refuse, Weeds, and Junk Ordinance as presented at the December council meeting. Councilperson Bragg stated this was not the ordinance she wanted. It needs to be changed. Council then agreed to present ordinance for a second reading as presented.

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Councilperson Bragg presented the Recreation report.

Councilperson Bragg reported that the Recreation Dept had deeded the old gymnasium located on Church St. to Southeastern Tech.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Faulkner reported the water tank project would be starting soon.

Councilperson Parker asked about the progress of the Robin Rd. project. Council agreed a RFP was needed to be sent out to hire an Engineering firm.

Police: Councilperson Stafford reported everyone had the committee reports.

Police Chief Ellison reported to council that “Shop with a Cop” was a big success and 32 kids had their Christmas provided with the grant. Police Chief Ellison thanked all of the agencies who helped with the operation.

Councilperson Stafford reported the Police Personnel Committee had met and interviewed an applicant to fill the vacant position at the Police Department. The committee had only one certified officer to apply. The committee recommends Chad Roberts for the position of patrolman. Motion was made to hire Officer Roberts.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

Fire: Councilperson Sconyers reported everything routine.

Chief Strobridge reported the Swainsboro HazMat Team had responded to a train derailment in Jefferson Co.

Chief Strobridge reported to council about the new procedure that the Swainsboro Fire Department is doing by inspecting businesses to help them identify dangerous or hazardous situations located in the business. This is a free service to the businesses and helps the city with its ISO insurance rating. Councilperson Bragg asked Fire Chief Strobridge about the liability of the city if the business did not comply with the recommendations. Chief Strobridge stated this would not prevent the business from obtaining a license, but if it was a dangerous situation that could be cause to have the license revoked.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported the Administrative Personnel Committee had met and interviewed for replacement of the city hall maintenance position. The committee interviewed three applicants and recommended Willie Butler for the position. Motion was made to hire Willie Butler for the position.

Motion: by Collins Seconded: by Parker 6-0

Public Works: Councilperson Parker gave the report from Jacobs.

Councilperson Parker reported the city was looking into doing another tire clean up for the city. Dates and details would be forth coming.

Jacobs would be taking down the Christmas decorations and needs to rent another piece of equipment. The cost of the equipment is \$952.00 Motion to rent the lift was made.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe announced the following Committee Assignments for the 2019 year.

Administration:	Chair: Collins	Committee: Sconyers, Faulkner
Public Works:	Chair: Stafford	Committee: Sconyers, Bragg
Fire :	Chair: Parker	Committee: Collins, Bragg
Recreation:	Chair: Bragg	Committee: Stafford, Collins
Police:	Chair: Faulkner	Committee: Stafford, Parker
Water:	Chair: Sconyers	Committee: Faulkner, Parker

Mayor Schwabe gave council the upcoming goals for 2019.

1. Get serious about the clean-up of the city.
2. Make Swainsboro a safer place.
3. Water Tank Improvement Project.
4. Be more helpful and supportive of East Georgia State College and Southeastern Technical College.
5. Continue job creation with assisting The Chamber and the Joint Development Authority.
6. More efficient use of city funds.

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.